

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2020

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer and Clarence Thomas.

The invocation was led by Donnie Daniels followed by the pledge to the flag.

The agenda was approved as written on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussing the February 10, 2020 minutes, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the February 10, 2020 minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner's Adams and Palmer voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner's Kenney and Thomas voted against the motion which tied the vote. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Palmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearing before the Board was Debbie Evans from the Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Evans reported on upcoming events including a ribbon cutting for Farmers Insurance, J Leigh Hair and Edward Jones at 201 East First St, Vidalia on March 19th at 4:00 pm.

Eric Moxley reported to the Board that he had formed a committee of volunteers to lead the community in the litter pick up effort and would like to use the Adult Literacy on April 18th from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon to stage the event. Mr. Moxley informed the commissioners that everyone is welcome to come and participate.

Under Reports, County Manager Brandon Brandy informed the Board that Recreation Director Steve McLeod will submit the final draft of the school's gym lease to the Recreation Board for approval.

Jonathan Holland from Toombs-Montgomery EMS reported there were 60 call in Montgomery County in February. The EMS will be at the Uvalda Farm Festival on March 28th and will provide hands on CPR training and free blood pressure screening.

EMA Director Donnie Daniels reported there were 31 call in Montgomery County for the fire departments. These calls did include vehicle accidents. Mr. Daniels reported there will be another mandatory evacuation for the affected Oconee River areas beginning tomorrow morning at 8:00 A.M. The Spring Flare training event will be held at Tiger Cat on April 18th.

County Manager Brandon Braddy reported to the Board that Chairman Adams signed a resolution (Res. No. 20-03-01) declaring a state of emergency in the Three Rivers Lane, Towns Bluff Road and Dead River Road area on February 12, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. in response to potential flooding of that area.

Commissioner Palmer read from his phone, a letter he said had been placed in his mailbox a couple days ago. No hard copies of the letter were provided. Commissioner Palmer informed the Board the date and heading on the letter had been redacted. Commissioner Palmer read the following from the letter he received:

“...that if the County will / does not turn over all information that has been requested by ISO, ISO is going to increase Montgomery County insurance premiums to its citizens to a max rating of 10. ISO has made many requests to receive the information. County officials have not turned over the information requested by ISO Georgia and these charges are of a serious nature to the population and property owners of Montgomery County”. Neither EMA Director Donnie Daniels nor anyone from the Commissioner’s Office have received any requests from ISO (Insurance Service Office) for such information. Tarrytown Fire Chief Don Snively stated at the last Commissioner’s meeting he gave Chief Deputy Ron Bivins a list of information he needed pertaining to E-911. Some of the information was given to the ISO inspector and the inspector said she had reached out to Deputy Bivins but received no response. Sheriff Doug Maybin said this is the first he had heard about this request from ISO and will contact the inspector to be sure she receives all the information she requested.

Because of all the rain, several roads in the county have been closed including Alston-Long Pond Road, Old Water Tank Road and Fire Tower Road . There are several places where larger pipe will have to be installed to handle the water. The Board reviewed the work orders and projects list. Commissioner Palmer asked why Three Rivers Lane was not on the list anymore and why are we building the road. Chairman Adams replied they are clearing the right-of-way, not building the road.

The Board reviewed the financial and accounts payable reports.

On a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board adopted the resolution (Res. No. 20-03-02) appointing Connie Hill to the Montgomery County Board of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer withdrew the solid waste / litter issue he requested be placed on the agenda.

On a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved to renew a service contract with Motorola Solutions (f/k/a/ Emergency Call Works) for the E-911 Center’s computer systems in the amount of \$12,898.06. the contract term was for one year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board approved to renew a service contract with the EZ for the CAD maintenance at the 911 Center. The contract term was for one year. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board agreed to get more quotes on repair for the Tax Commissioner’s Office on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously. Georgia Power will be asked to conduct an efficiency assessment on the building.

Discussion on the traffic study for off system roads was tabled on a motion Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Palmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Public Comments, Carl Fountain asked the Board what the future plan of Morris Road was. Mr. Fountain informed the Board that the road has a spring on top of a hill and the road does not have many ditches. The Board agreed the County would need to meet with the property owners on Morris Road to discuss options.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Palmer. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 16, 2020

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. The purpose of the hearing was to allow county residents to ask questions concerning the project applications to be funded with USDA Loan/Grant funds. Commissioners present were Chairman Leland Adams and Commissioner Greg Palmer. Also, in attendance was County Manager Brandon Braddy, EMA Director Donnie Daniels, County Clerk Renee Cason and Solid Waste Director Glenn Garrett. Citizens in attendance were Byron Braddy and Brandon Salter.

Chairman Adams called the public hearing to order.

The following was reported in the public hearing:

Montgomery County has applied to the United States Department of Agriculture for three Community Facilities Loan and Grant projects. The three loan/grant applications are for the following:

1. A \$143,000 loan and grant to purchase equipment and vehicles for the Sheriff's Office
2. A \$168,000 loan and grant to purchase equipment and vehicles for Emergency Medical Services
3. A \$146,516 loan and grant to purchase equipment and vehicles for the Road Department

It was reported that the County was requesting grant support up to \$50,000 to offset the cost of each of the project applications for a total of \$150,000 in grant funds. The remaining funds would be in the form of loans from USDA. Questions and comments were considered at the meeting.

Being no further business, Chairman Adams declared the public hearing adjourned.

The hearing ended at 9:23 am.